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Thursday, March 20, 1997

Briefly

Easter Sunrise Worship Service
The Easter Sunrise Service conducted by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance will begin at 6:30 a.m. on the Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home lawn. Worshipers are reminded to bring lawn chairs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cassandra Torres Benefit
A benefit for 6th grade SMS student, Cassandra Torres, will be held Saturday, March 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Food Center. To donate baked goods please call, Jo Ann at 387-2593 (day) or 387-5676 after 5:00 p.m., or Mari at 387-5095 after 5:00 p.m.

SISD Community/School Survey
Each year, the Sonora ISD sends out its Community/School Survey to all staff members and to parents and community members selected at random. The survey was mailed on Monday, March 17. Anyone who is interested in participating in the survey and who did not receive a mailing may pick up a questionnaire at the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Survey forms are due back no later than Tuesday, April 1.

TxDOT Public Meeting
A public meeting hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation will be held in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Sonora at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, to discuss plans and receive public input on proposed reconstruction of Loop 467 (US 277 through Sonora). All interested parties are urged to attend.

Christmas in April Donations
The Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., a non-profit organization, is now accepting donations for the 1997 annual workday. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile community project please forward to:
Christmas in April of Sonora
P.O. Box 63
Sonora, TX 76950
All donations are greatly appreciated.

Rena M. Elliott Music Scholarship Fund
If you are wanting to remember a loved one, either living or gone, the Rena M. Elliott Music Scholarship Fund would appreciate and be most grateful for a memorial donation. David Velez, David Davenport, Sam Odom, and Amy Massey have received scholarships in the last two years. However, only by your contributions can we continue to give a music scholarship to a worthy senior graduate each year. Thank you!
The Rena M. Elliott Scholarship Fund Committee...

Lenten Luncheons
Lenten Luncheons, sponsored by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance, are held each Wednesday at noon through Holy Week at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Library Story Time
Every Wednesday of the week from 10:00-10:45 a.m. at the Sutton County Public Library, 306 E. Mulberry. Ages 3 - preschool. For more information call 387-2111.

Variety Talent Show
The Friends of the Crockett County Public Library will hold a variety talent show on Friday, March 21, at the Civic Center in Ozona from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival
Big Lake Bluegrass Festival sponsored by the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. to be held on April 4-6, 1997, at the Big Lake Community Center. Call 915-884-3650 for information.

Broncos Take Consolation at Brackettville



Manager Thomas Ramon, John Brown, Breg Hughes, Tanner Fields, Ty Harrelson, Fernie Emiliano, David Arvelo, Mayer Anderson, David Mayer, Homer Lozano, and Lupe Ramon.

This past weekend, the Bronco baseball team traveled to Brackettville to play in the 1st Annual Tiger Invitational Baseball Tournament. For the first game, the Broncos faced the team from La Pryor. The men in red came out on the short end as they lost 5-7. Brad Legan and Homer Lozano shared the pitching duties giving up 7 runs, with only 3 of these being earned, on 7 hits with Legan striking out 5 of the La Pryor players. Andy Mirike continued his steady play by going 1 for 2 at the plate and scoring 2 of the Bronco runs. This game proved to be a growing game for the Broncos, as the team began to come together as a group.

The second game pitted the Sonora boys against the lads from Asherton. Fernie Emiliano was given the start and recorded his first win of the season. In this outing Emiliano gave up 5 runs on 5 hits, striking out 6 and only issuing 1 walk. Homer Lozano came on to record his first save of the young season, facing 4 batters, striking out

2 and walking 1 and only giving up a seeing eye single. This game found many of the men in red playing positions that they had really practiced for, and they rose to the occasion committing only 3 errors and playing some very good team ball. David Mayer once again gained his form at the plate as he went 2 for 3. John Brown was perfect at the plate going 2 for 2 with a walk and scoring 2 runs. Mayer Anderson, Ty Harrelson, Fernie Emiliano, Lupe Ramon, and Brad Legan each had a hit. Tanner Fields, though not having a hit, walked twice and each time with his base running ability was able to get the Trojans' attention allowing a Bronco to score each time. The Broncos really began to come together, and most important of all, they began to have fun.

On Saturday, the Broncos found themselves playing Sabinal for the consolation bracket championship. David Mayer took the mound and for 4 innings pitched flawless baseball as the Broncos took a com-

manding lead of 0-6. In the 5th inning Sabinal began to get their timing down and fought back to 6 to tie. In the bottom of the 5th inning with two outs and with the time having expired, Sabinal decided to bring their ace pitcher in to close the game out and salvage a tie. Sonora had Breg Hughes at third base and Tanner Fields at the plate. The first pitch was a strike and a wild pitch, but Hughes was not able to advance. Fields fouled the next pitch off for strike 2. With the next pitch, Sonora baseball is put in the history book as it scored as a wild pitch, and Hughes was able to cross the plate for the winning run which gave the Bronco baseball program its first ever trophy!!! Congratulations Broncos!!!

This week the Broncos played Eldorado on Tuesday and will travel to Alpine on Thursday to participate in the Alpine Tournament. Their next home game will be March 25 against Mason, with the J.V. playing at 4:00 and the Varsity at 6:00. Hope to see you there.

Grant Writing Seminar Scheduled

submitted

Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) will be sponsoring a Grant Writing 1 Seminar in Sonora on March 25th through 27th. The Seminar will be held at the Sonora E.M.S. meeting room. "The cost of the seminar will be \$150.00 per registrant and will include grant writing materials," said Tony Resendez, acting coordinator.

The Seminar will be conducted by Dr. Don Udell. Dr. Udell received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Arizona and his Doctorate from Arizona State University. Dr. Udell has authorized and published many articles and monographs. He has written and

received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

"The seminar will first teach you the basic steps needed on how to research and prospect of potential funding sources," added Resendez. "There is a need for grant writers in your communities and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar close to home," he said.

For more information on the registration or the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-1860.

Programs and services of Concho Valley RC&D Area, Inc. are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.



Rusty Garvin presents Terry Marrs and Coach Carol Sesson with a plaque for SMS's participation in the American Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart. Out of nine counties in the region, Sutton County racked up number one in pledges with 101 students raising \$5,403.33 for the event this year. This amount increased over the 1996 amount of \$4,284.81. A \$120 gift certificate was given for equipment for physical education classes.

Ty Love will receive a medal for raising the most pledges in the amount of \$300.00.

Chamber Banquet Tickets On Sale Now

Banquet Committee members Tonya Brown, Vicki Wallace, Randece Fawcett, Lenora Pool, Joy Galbreath, and JoAnn Hernandez urge all chamber members and residents of Sonora to get their banquet tickets early. The banquet scheduled for April 10 should be fun for everyone.

Advance tickets will be on sale

for \$10.00 and may be purchased at the Chamber Office or from any chamber director. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00.

The theme for this year's banquet is "The Fabulous and Unforgettable 50's" and dress will be casual or 50's attire. For more information, please contact the Chamber Office at 387-2880.

City Council Holds Regular Meeting

The City Council meeting was called to order, Tuesday, March 18th. An invocation was given by Jim Garrett after a brief silence for the late Municipal Judge, Maxine Locklin, recently killed in a traffic accident.

Council minutes from the February 18th regular meeting were approved. A public hearing for consideration of uses for the

hotel/motel occupancy tax was opened with no comments from the public. The council members agreed to table any action relating to the hotel/motel tax budget. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Three planning and zoning cases were approved. The first request was by Jim Davis for a special use permit to operate a commercial green house in a residential zone. Pam Powers Haynes requested a special use permit to operate a wholesale clothing company, Rodeo Wild, in a residential zone. Steve Bolt also requested a special use permit to operate a vehicle maintenance shop in a building behind his residence.

Harold Martinez and Dorothy Wilson were appointed Board of Adjustments members. Election judges and alternates for the May 3 election are Karen Fincher and alternate, Karole Hunt, Betty Garcia and alternate Mauri Sanchez. Karen Fincher and Karole Hunt were appointed to the early voting ballot board. Jack Smith, Jo Ann Hernandez, Beth Snyder, and John Tedford were appointed to the Main

Street Advisory Board for 1997-98.

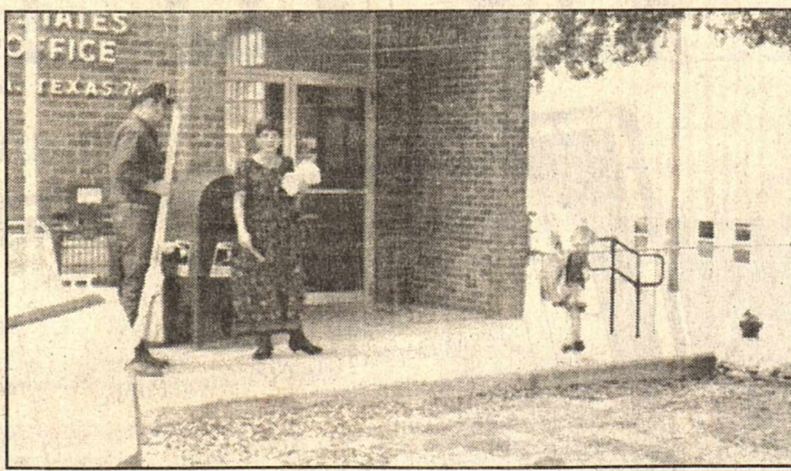
The council members voted not to approve Jeani Morriss' request for a lease on a hangar at the Sonora Airport. The ownership of the hangar in question reverted to the city March 7 after a twenty year lease expired on that date. Ms. Morriss requested to lease the hangar for consultants to use. The council rejected the request and gave Ms. Morriss three weeks to remove her personal property.

Reece Albert, Inc. was awarded a \$205,815 bid for the 1995 Texas Community Development Project for paving improvements at Del Rio/Orient streets.

Discussion was held regarding the lease on the landfill property. Al Elliott, representing the Ward family, stated the family wishes to shift the ownership of the landfill to the city as long it is used for that purpose. No action was taken at this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Butch Campbell will serve as interim municipal judge.

After department head reports and the city manager's report, the meeting was adjourned.



The Sonora Downtown Lion's Club raised more than \$6000 at their annual Broom and Mop Sale held Tuesday, March 18. The products are made by the blind and a portion of the proceeds are donated back to their organization, Caravan Sales for the Blind.

Joe Fincher's granddaughter, Morgan, sweeps in front of the post office as Fincher and Cynthia Keel discuss the selections.

SMS Needs Your Help

by Richard Lopez

Sonora Middle School needs your help to network our classrooms and connect to the Internet. We are looking for sponsors to donate \$350 or any contribution in order to buy cabling kits to wire the classrooms. Once we have the cabling kits, we'll organize a NetDay for the middle

school and later in the future one for the high school and elementary. NetDay is when volunteers help wire the classrooms in one day. If you have any questions please call the Sonora Middle School at 387-5431 and leave a message for Richard Lopez who is the NetDay School Organizer.

Light The Way To A Cure!

Help support the goals for the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by purchasing a luminaria candle. The votive candles, nestled in sand bags and lit for a soft effect, are being sold through May 16. On that date, the candles, will be lit in a special ceremony during the Relay For Life, an 18 hour team event at Bronco Stadium May 16 and 17.

For a \$5 donation per candle, you can dedicate the glowing tribute to someone who has or has had cancer. Names of the honored indi-

viduals will be read aloud while gentle music is played. Those who purchased candles will be invited to attend this special event to see their donation come to life. Proceeds from luminaria sales will benefit the Unit of the American Sutton County Cancer Society, which is dedicated to cancer research, service and dedication.

For more information on the luminaria ceremony or the Relay For Life, call Erica Morris at 387-2988 and Shanna Johnson at 387-3378.

Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rafter L Bar-B-Q 506 N. Crockett Ave.
387-5246

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.
387-5292

Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country Deli 903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Sonora Church Directory

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
James Lee, Pastor
306 N. 4th Street
387-2898

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 W. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor
404 NE Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
404 NE Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor
201 NW Water
387-2466

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E 2nd St.
387-5366

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 NE Mulberry
387-2616


OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE
Willie West, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-3236


ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 SW Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
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511 Cornell
387-5215
Attend the church of your choice, this Sunday.



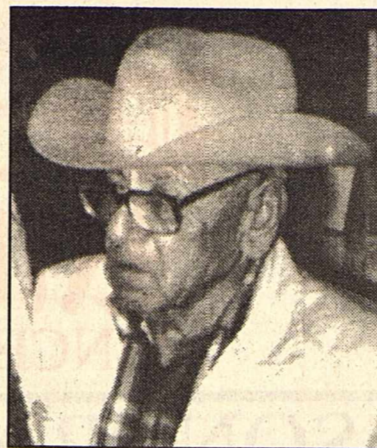
Cornerstone Home Health Agency
116 N Concho
(915)387-2505 (800)593-8222



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

In Memory of
Gabriel H. Mata, Sr.
March 18, 1902-March 18, 1986

Papa,
You were our Father; you were our friend.
You were always there for us through thick and thin.
Eleven years have passed since you left us, but we know you are still with us.
Papa, you're in our thoughts and in our dreams.
We'll never forget what you were to us.
You were our father; you were our friend.
We will always love you, Papa, and will never forget you and will never forget how hard you worked and yet always had time for us.
We will always remember you



and love you,
Your children, Gabriel Jr., Roberto, Manuel and Samuel Mata, Frances Reyna, Amalia Galindo, Edwina Gandar, and Jeannie Lozano.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank each of the kind and loving people who supported our family at the time of O.L.'s illness and death. Your thoughtful prayers and deeds of sympathy, the food, the flowers, and support gave us all so much strength. Our heartfelt love and appreciation to each of you, especially Ron Myers, who helped in so many ways.

Sincerely,
All of the Family of O.L. Richardson


Card of Thanks

Dear Friends,
We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone for the support, concern, and prayers in the past few weeks, during J.C.'s recent surgery and recovery.
Your many cards, calls, food, and visits to San Antonio and to the house are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely and God Bless,
J.C. and Loma Surber and family.

Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.



SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

March 21- Run errands and pay bills
March 24- Bingo!
March 26- Program on Cancer
March 27- Easter Egg Hunt & Party

Lunch Menu

Thursday, March 20
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Fries, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit

Friday, March 21
Catfish Filet, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/Raisins

Monday, March 24
Chicken Supreme, New Potatoes, Broccoli, Green Salad, Hot Rolls, Cherry Cobbler

Tuesday, March 25
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Zucchini, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, White Cake w/Caramel Icing

Wednesday, March 26
Sweet & Sour Pork, Hot Rice, Sweet Peas, Tossed Salad, Bread, Oranges

Thursday, March 27
King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Broccoli, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup

Friday, March 14
CENTER CLOSED, GOOD FRIDAY
Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Our Sympathy

O.L. "Laddy" Richardson, Jr.



O.L. "Laddy" Richardson Jr., 73, died March 12, 1997, in the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. He was born Nov. 22, 1923, in Sonora, Texas, to O.L. Richardson Sr. and Esther Simon Richardson. He was a veteran of World War II and a longtime rancher of Sonora.

After graduating from Sonora High School in 1941, O.L. enrolled in Texas A&M University where he was actively involved with the Aggie Band as drum major and was on the track team. With World War II in progress, he entered field artillery ROTC studies at Texas A&M. He served in Company "M" 255th Infantry, 63rd Division, "Blood and Fire," as an 81mm mortar and heavy-machine-gun platoon leader in Southern France and Alsace-Lorraine.

On Feb. 15, 1943, O.L. received three wounds from enemy fire and spent the next 15 months in Army hospitals.

His awards and decorations included the Combat Infantry Badge, the Star for Meritorious Service, the Purple Heart, European Theatre of Operation, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal. Other medals were for qualification with arms and included the Rifle, Carbine, and Heavy Machine Gun.

First Lieutenant O.L. Richardson Jr. was discharged from active service Aug. 4, 1946, but remained in the Army Reserve an additional 10 years.

In 1947, after the war, O.L. returned to A&M University and finished his bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry. In 1954, after teaching six years in the Texas Vocational Agricultural Program, he joined the U.S. State Department Agency for International Development as livestock adviser. He served 11 years in South America before resigning to join the Texas A&M University international programs office team of agricultural technicians in the Dominican Republic production in 1968.

He worked for the International Development Bank as an agricultural specialist in Columbia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Mexico, until his retirement in 1980.

O.L. was a man of many talents. Not only was he an avid rancher; he also spent many hours playing the piano.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the De Ora Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria S. Richardson; two daughters, Victoria Hella "Vicky" Richardson of College Station and Dr. Patti Strauch of Sonora; two sons, Dr. Mike Richardson of Seattle and Dr. Dan Richardson of Austin; one brother, Glen Richardson of Sonora; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.L. Richardson Sr. and Esther Richardson; and a son, John Richardson.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ron Myers officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jim Cusenbary, Gene Shurley, Dr. Greg Lind of San Angelo, Bill Doran, Clay Simon of Junction and Kelly Simon of Junction. Honorary pallbearers were Ray Smith, Rod Richardson of Iraan, Charles Simon of Junction, and Gene Simon of Junction.

The family requests memorials be made to Family Hospice of San Angelo, West Texas Boys Ranch of San Angelo, or any other charity of choice.

School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST and LUNCH

Monday, March 24	Tuesday, March 25	Wednesday, March 26
Breakfast Pizza, Juice	Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit	Muffin, Egg, Juice
Burrito w/Chili, Vegetable Sticks, Tater Tots, Cookie	Meat-n-Macaroni, English Peas, Applesauce, Orange Jello, Cornbread	Chicken Patty On Bun, Lettuce & Pickles, Oven Fried Potatoes, Pear Halve
Thursday, March 27 French Toast, Fruit	Friday, March 28 NO SCHOOL	
Chalupas (Bean & Cheese), Spanish Rice, Vegetable Salad, Sliced Peaches		

All meals served with milk

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Community Calendar

20 March

Thursday, March 20
Texas Dept. of Transportation Public Meeting First National Bank Community Room 4:30
Little Dribblers: 5:30 p.m. Knights vs. Wolverines & Jammers (b) vs. Bulls, 6:30 p.m. Panthers vs. Blue Sharks & Super Sonics vs. Jammers (g)

Saturday, March 22
Community Easter Egg Hunt, Courthouse Lawn 10:00 a.m.

 **Sutton County National Bank**
207 Hwy 277 N

March 26

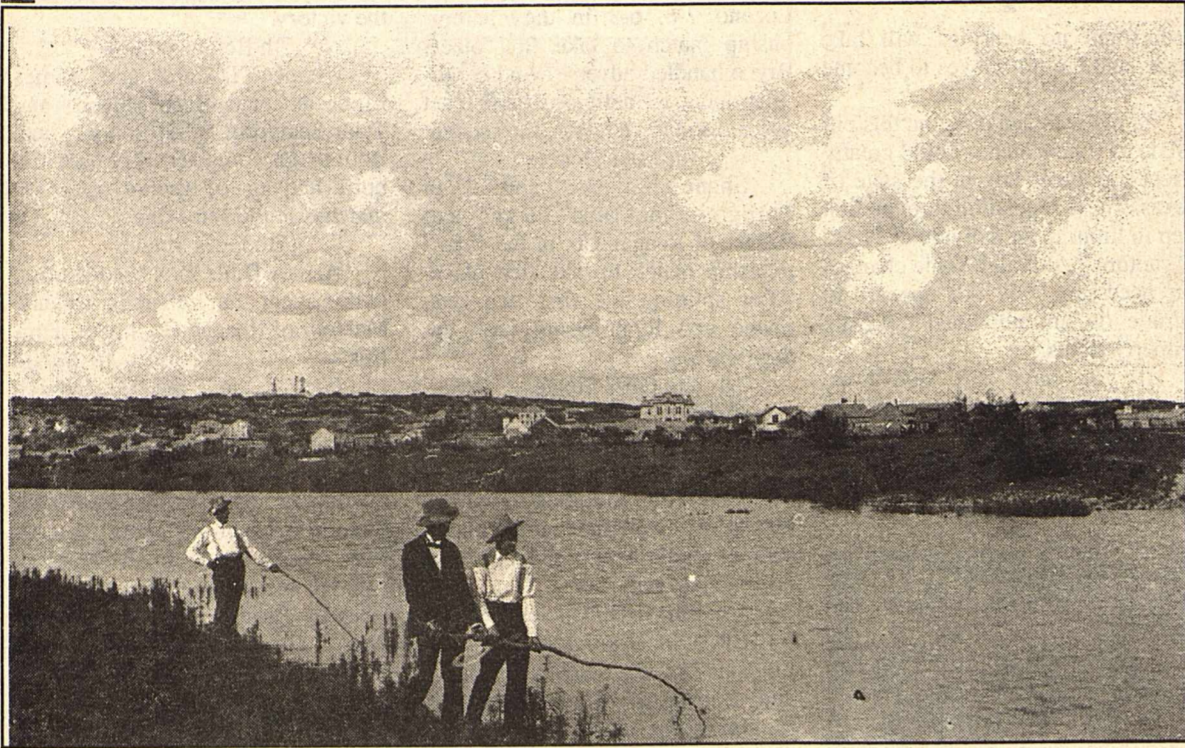
Monday, March 24
Little Dribblers: 5:30 p.m. Raiders vs. Super Sonics & Rockets vs. Bulls, 6:30 p.m. Sonics (b) vs. Bullets & Nike Chicks vs. Spurs

Tuesday, March 25
5:30 p.m. Hot Shots vs. Sonics (g) & Raiders vs. Spurs, 6:30 p.m. Jammers (b) vs. Rockets & Raptors vs. Knights, 7:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony for Little Dribblers

Wednesday, March 26
Lenten Luncheon Episcopal Church

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Ask The Historical Society



Checking the level on the Dry Devil's River where South Main crosses the draw.

by Jo-Ann Palmer

Q. I am enclosing a poem I found in an old family album. Do you know who Rita is?

A. Possibly Rita Pool? How about it readers, who is the Rita who wrote this poem that was published in the Devil's River News of April 11, 1930?

Sonora

Midst the hills of Western Texas, Near the border of the Rio Grande, Lies a quiet, remote little valley In the heart of the ranchman's land.

In this peaceful, happy valley, Far from the world where tumults arise; Nestles Sonora, the little queen city, "The Capital of the Stockman's Paradise."

For pictures unsurpassed by California, Painted by the strokes of a Master's hand, For pure and balmy south sea zephyrs, Come to Sonora, in the Lone Star Land.

Where Italian skies and golden sunlight, And great open spaces furnish many thrills, Where, like a cameo in a beautiful setting, Nestles Sonora encircled by purple hills.

--RITA

If you know who wrote this, give The Devil's River News a call at 387-2507, and we will print your answers next week.

Q. Where was the San Angelo draw in Sonora?

A. Good question, took a little while to come up with positive identification on this as the maps through the years do not list this draw under this name.

In the Devil's River News of June 10, 1899, we found the following: both draws at Sonora were unusually high Monday night. The San Angelo draw being almost as high as five years ago, and the McKavett draw was higher than it has been in five years.

Since the McKavett draw is now called Lowery draw, I would think that the San Angelo draw mentioned above was what we now call Meckel draw. This runs into the Dry Devil's River in town and runs into town from the north, through the golf course and under I-10.

There is a note that the San Saba River at McKavett was higher from the rains Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday than ever before in the knowledge of the oldest inhabitant. A family living in the old G.W. Morris place, spent Monday night in the trees.

In Menardville that same Monday night at 2:30 a.m. a rise came up in the San Saba River that had water seven feet deep on the business street of the town. John Callan's drug store was washed about four blocks and stranded in front of the Australian Hotel; Henry Tipton's beer saloon, Chas. Graham's barber shop, Dr. McKnight's office, Suchardt's lumber yard and carpenter shop, Doc Maddox, F. Luckenbach's, and D. Benchoff's residences were washed

for a considerable distance. Many places below town were totally destroyed including the barn and crops of W. W. Lewis, valued at \$1700, and Philip Hockingsmith lost everything. The Noyes farm lost several ranch houses. A Mexican who couldn't be induced to leave his home was drowned. John Callan and Mac Russell had narrow escapes, having to swim out. The water stood 22 inches in Henry VanderStucken & Co.'s store, and all other places on Main Street were in about the same depth of water. Old timers had predicted for years

that this would happen. They said that before the town was built there was evidence of earlier high water marks, and they had tried to warn people it could happen again. Noah Rose, the photographer, lost everything at his home in Menardville; they only managed to save a few clothes and quilts.

In Sonora, Hurst & Adams' Dry Devil's River tank is full of water. Hobson, who lived in East Sonora, attempted to cross the McKavett draw Monday afternoon and had to swim out. He lost one horse in the river and another had been in the water so long that it died shortly after being taken out of the river. It was noted that the draws were running as high as they did in 1894.

Theo Savell and Joe Caldwell spent Monday night in the mail buggy on the side of the draw six miles above town. Owing to the old road being fenced off, they could not get around the swollen draw and were stuck there. People think gates should be put up so that the old road could be used in wet weather.

And some people complain that it never rains in Sutton County! It rains; it definitely rains. Sometimes it rains so much that we need boats to get across the draws. Sonora could use Morton Salt's motto then, "When it rains it pours." That's Texas for you, when we do something we don't fool around; we do it BIG.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, drop them off at The Devil's River News office on Main Street, fax them to 915-387-5619 or

Maida and Robert Bryson would like to personally thank Dr. Gutierrez and the staff at Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for the recent treatment of Bobbie Bryson. They did a wonderful job under the frail condition Bobbie was in when she was admitted. Their professional attitudes and compassionate care for her was one that needs to be recognized and praised. We were all scared and under a great deal of

stress to do those things to save her life, and Dr. Gutierrez and the staff at the hospital passed the test with flying colors.

Sonora and the surrounding area needs to realize just how lucky and fortunate we all are for having these people and such a wonderful facility. Thank you Doctor and your professional staff.

Robert and Maida Bryson

Card of Thanks

Card of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the many people who have made my stay here in Sonora a time that my family and I will always cherish.

I feel very fortunate that my family has had the opportunity to reside in this fine community. I appreciate all the community members for making all of us feel at home.

I am very grateful to the school district for providing an outstanding education for my children. I would also like to make a special note of thanks to each of the outstanding teachers who have touched my children's lives directly.

I cannot imagine a better place to raise a family. I also want to thank all of the parents for entrusting me to work with your children in the field of athletics.

I would also like to express my deep appreciation to all of the members of our "coaching family." You are all outstanding people and professionals, and I am grateful for having the opportunity to work with all of you. The relationships that we have forged are truly special and will last a lifetime.

Lastly, I would like to thank all

of the great young men and women that I have had the privilege of working with these past seven years. Your hard work and sacrifice are the reasons we were able to experience the many successes we have enjoyed. I am truly indebted to all of you.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the students in this fine community. I hope that in some way I have made a positive contribution. Sonora will always have a special place in my heart.

Bob, Amy, Jacki and Jessi Bellard

"Catherine Rebecca"

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March 20th
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21st
Kathleen Moore
Irma Luna
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22nd
Rita Lopez
Paula Isabel Zaragoza
23rd
Tim Dobbs
John Duke Hudson
Luis E. Torres
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Felipe Castro
Bob Graves
Nathaniel Villa
Madge Davis
25th
Francisca Lira

Vivian Crites
Jillian Gully
Carol Mireles
Elvira Romo
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Sonia Castaneda
Rachel Holder
Ninfa Gaytan
Gilbert Munoz Jr.
Edward San Miguel

Happy Anniversary

22nd
Ben & Karen Frasier
24th
Tom & Pam Payton
25th
Byerl & Betty Dillard

Nursing Home Birthday Party

Sonora Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary celebrated their Birthday Party and Easter Party at the Nursing Home.

Residents and visitors enjoyed cake with a bunny rabbit on top and punch to drink.

Three of the residents have birthdays this month. They are Lois

McCalmont, Angelica Samaniego, and Francisca Lira.

Hostesses for the party were Bernice Cowser, Lenora Pool, and Jimmie Sue Griffith Harris.

OPEN LETTER

As a taxpayer, I'm concerned about the recent, ongoing investigation of one of the departments in Sutton County. It is the responsibility of the elected officials to oversee the use of monies collected from businesses and individuals. If there is misuse of county property or manpower, the parties involved should be held accountable for their actions.

A Concerned Taxpayer

Card of Thanks

We want to say thanks for all the donations to provide the meals for the SHS boys and girls golf teams during their tournaments. A big thank you to Grider Trucking, Rye Supply, Red Hoss Feeds, First National Bank, and Sutton County National Bank.

We also thank Coca-Cola for their donation of the drinks. Thanks also goes to all the moms for the snacks.

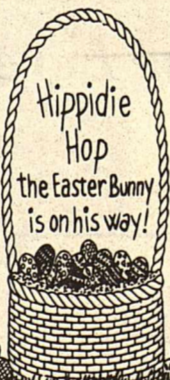
We wouldn't have had successful tournaments without the help from all of these businesses and individuals.

SHS Girls Golf Team
SHS Boys Golf Team

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Texas Water Bill Could Limit Right of Capture

by Mike Smith SCUWCD

I was in Austin this past week monitoring Senate Bill 1 (SB1). This is a bill that deals with water law in the state of Texas (surface & groundwater). Hearings are underway on the substitute this week. This bill is on a very fast track and has the blessing of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. We have been told this bill will pass in some form because of its importance (hence the #1).

The drought conditions this past year and the water problems of the down stream users (Corpus Christi, San Antonio, etc.) have brought water issues in the state of Texas to the forefront.

The area that concerns "ground-

water districts" such as ours is the direct oversight by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). We feel we have oversight by a locally elected Board of Directors and a district that is funded by local taxpayers. However, the bill includes provisions for a regional management plan to which we must comply. If we do not comply, the TNRCC can dissolve the district, replace the board, and obtain the assets of the district. The problem with this oversight is the fact that almost two hundred (200) counties in the state have no water districts. What are they doing to manage the groundwater in their areas? The state will give them

the chance to form a water district and if the election fails, the state will manage their water.

Management of Groundwater Districts is laid out in Chapter 36 of the Water Code. However, the TNRCC has chosen not to enforce several laws already in place.

We (Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts-TAGD) will continue to monitor this bill. The bill will go to the House of Representatives this week for hearings. Hopefully, some favorable changes will come from the house side. If so, the bill will go to conference committee. At this point, I

understand no hearings will take place, and the bill moves to become law.

In my personal opinion, this bill (SB1) as it now stands could greatly affect the water law in the state of Texas. These regulations are the first step in limiting an individual's "right of capture." Although some changes are necessary, this bill appears to intrude on an individual's private property rights.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 222 N. Main, Suite 101, or call me at 387-2369.

Big Lake Tennis Results

8th Boys Singles

Bryce Williams defeated Justin Lozano 7-6, 6-3 in the championship match to take first place. Bryce handled adverse wind conditions and a 4-1 deficit in the first set and cruised to victory in the second.

8th Boys Doubles

Shane Mathews and Ryan Hardgrave defeated Parker and Barnes of Reagan Co. in the championship match to take first place. After splitting the first two sets, Shane and Ryan easily took the third set 6-3.

8th Girls Singles

Heather Felts took second place in a weather shortened championship match loss to Kayla McCravey of Eldorado. Heather played very well and had the match been of regular length she may have been able to pull it out.

8th Girls Doubles

Crystal Montgomery and Lindsey Bowers defeated Robledo and Barton of Eldorado in the championship match to take first place honors. Crystal and Lindsey had very little trouble in any of their matches and really controlled each point well. Stephanie Hard and Mary Jo Galvan also had a strong showing and took consolation runner-up honors.

7th Boys Singles

Justin Routh defeated Ramon Barajas of Eldorado in the championship match to take first place. Justin was never in trouble in any of his matches and dominated all his opponents.

Sean Fields took 4th place after two marathon matches against evenly matched opponents. In either

match one or two more points in Sean's favor would have given him the victory.

7th Boys Doubles

Chance Dillard and James Elliot defeated Beau Hughes and Tyler Seaton in an all Sonora final. Both teams competed very hard and both had to overcome split set matches in the semi-finals.

7th Girls Singles

Ashley Bible took second place in this event after defeating Amanda McNeill of Reagan Co. in the semi-finals.

Overall, both the 7th and 8th grade teams took second place in the tournament. Points were awarded to each team according to their teams results in each event. Although Sonora competitors either won or took second place in every event entered, second and third place finishes by Reagan Co. and a 1st and 2nd in 7th girls doubles allowed them a total 67 to Sonora's 62 points. In the eighth grade the total was 70 to 61 in favor of Reagan Co. Due to a conflict with a band concert, several of our students could not enter the tournament, and this left the team with only 1 entry in most events while Reagan Co. had 3 or 4. This allowed Reagan Co. to accumulate more points even though they failed to win many events.

Sonora will host its own tournament this weekend, and with a full squad this week, they hope to not only win every event but also the team competition as well. Sonora will compete against Ozona, Reagan Co., Irion Co., and Eldorado in this week's tournament.

Did You Hear?

Nolan and Helen Johnson moved to San Angelo on their 55th wedding anniversary, March 4th. They lived in Sonora for 45 years where Nolan was

game warden for 32 years. Their new address is 3601 Threecorn Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 915-949-4638.

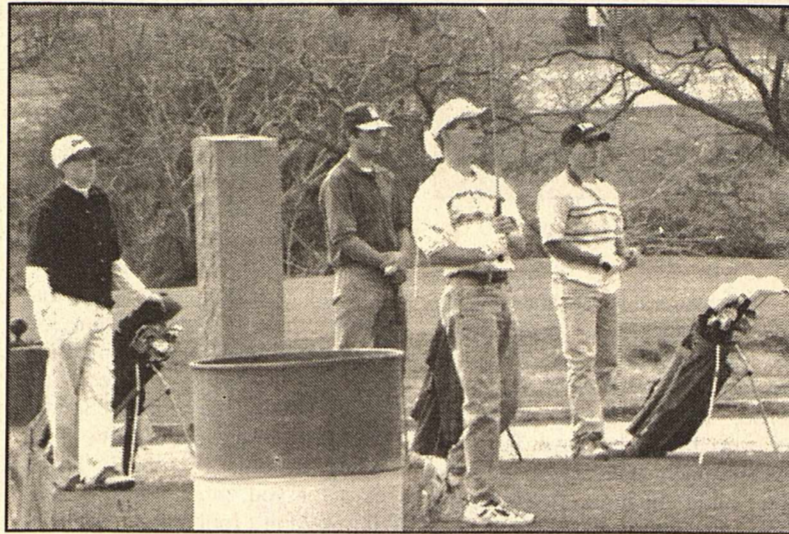
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Jacob West follows through after a great shot.

Sonora Hosts Golf Tournament

On Saturday, March 15, Sonora High School hosted their boys invitational golf tournament. The tournament featured some very fine teams from around the area. This resulted in a very competitive and close golf tournament. Your Sonora boys team placed eighth out of the field of twelve teams. The Broncos were led by Caleb Barker with an 82. The Broncos improved their team score to a 349 total. Continued lowering of the total will place the Broncos in contention for a Regional trip as district approaches.

Results of the tournament were: Iraan (331), Brady (332), McCamey (339), Ozona (344), Lakeview JV (345), Mason (347), Crane (347), Sonora (349), Big Lake (350),

Greenwood (366), Coahoma (368), and Sonora 'B' (383).

Thomas Payne of Brady won the medalist race with a score of 78 and Cody Hunnicutt of Ozona placed second with a 79.

Participating for Sonora High School were Caleb Barker, Tommy Gutierrez, Jason West, Zac Kerbow, Jody Boggs, Jacob West, Chris Clifton, Jared Percifull, Ryan Cramer, Shiloh Sykes, and Kasey Wood. Next action will be on Tuesday, March 18, at Colorado City while the 'B' team will travel to Ozona on Wednesday, March 19. The boys start district with their first round on Tuesday, March 25, at Colorado City.

If you're looking for the latest movie releases, look no further than the VIDEO STORE!!

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 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced (optional)
 - Reduced-sodium ketchup (optional)
1. Place potatoes in a large bowl; add cold water to cover. Let stand for 15 minutes.
 2. Preheat oven to 425° F. Spray a nonstick baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Set aside.
 3. Drain potatoes in a colander. Spread on a double layer of paper towels. Cover with a second layer of paper towels. Press down on the towels to dry potatoes.
 4. Transfer potatoes to a clean large bowl. Sprinkle with oil, pepper, and salt; toss gently to combine. Arrange seasoned potatoes in a single layer on prepared baking sheet.
 5. Bake potatoes for 20 minutes. Using a spatula, turn potatoes; sprinkle with garlic. Bake until golden, about 20 minutes, turning baking sheet after 10 minutes for even browning. Serve immediately with ketchup on the side.

This column will appear each week as a courtesy to our customers. We hope you enjoy the recipes, Town & Country Food Center & The Devil's River News.

Angela's Back!

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I would like to thank everyone for the food, cards and flowers during my recovery.

Angela Crittendon



Gayla Bradford and Shirley Poyner of Assault Victim Services presented a program to the children at the Headstart Program. According to Assault Victim Services, one in every three girls and one in every four to six boys will be sexually assaulted by age 18. Education and prevention are crucial to help stop the violence. CAPP, Child Assault Prevention Project, teaches children the warning signs of abusive behavior and who and how to tell if faced with an abusive situation.

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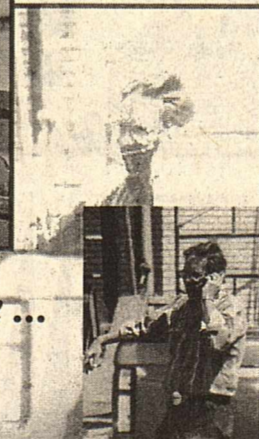
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Walker Wallace participates in the calf roping event at the SHS rodeo.



Dana Duhon rounds the barrel during the SHS rodeo.

Sonora Hosts High School Rodeo

The High School Rodeo season kicked off this past weekend in Sonora. Results of local contestants are as follows:

Saturday, March 15, 1997

Steer Wrestling

First place was Kelly Morrow with a time of 5:50 and second place was Walker Wallace with a time of 6:67.

Team Roping

Second place was the team of Tommy Tiffée and Cody Callaway with a time of 9:14. Fourth place was the team of Zach Mudge and Jeremy Surber with a time of 9:43. Seventh place was the team of Cody Owens and Walker Wallace with a time of 13:63.

Breakaway Roping

First place was Kelly Jones with a time of 3:30.

Pole Bending

Eighth place was Kendra Jones with a time of 26:199.

Goat Tying

First place was Kelly Jones with a time of 8:17. Fourth place was Kendra Jones with a time of 10:08.

Sunday, March 16, 1997

Calf Roping

Seventh place was Walker Wallace with a time of 13:12.

Goat Tying

Fifth place was Kelly Jones with a time of 10:73. Sixth place was Kendra Jones with a time of 10:86.

Steer Wrestling

First place was Kelly Morrow with a time of 6:64. Second place was Walker Wallace with a time of 8:13.

Team Roping

Seventh place was the team of Zach Mudge and Jeremy Surber with a time of 14:05.

Breakaway Roping

Second place was Kendra Jones with a time of 3:56. Eighth place was Kelly Jones with a time of 12:85.

Pole Bending

Fourth place was Kendra Jones with a time of 21:099.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

Andrews-March 22-23
Del Rio-April 5-6
Crane-April 19-20
San Angelo-April 19-20
The finals will be held in Abilene. Please come out and show your support. Thank You!

Tennis Team Wins Second

submitted

The Sonora High School tennis team attended the Eldorado Invitational Tournament on March 14 and 15. Sonora came away with a total of 30 points coming in second, behind Eldorado with 42 points.

Girls singles took home third and fourth, playing each other in the final round. Playing in the tournament were Ashley Brockman, Angela Mayfield, and Johnna Wade. Wade won her first match with scores of 1-6, 6-1, 6-1, but played the second seed of the tournament in the second round and lost. Mayfield won her first two rounds hands down 6-0, 6-0 both times. In the third round, she also had to play the second seed and lost but was able to go on. She played an extremely long split set match and did not win, but she went on to play for third. Brockman won all her matches until the fourth round when she played the first seed. In the final round Brockman and Mayfield played a split set match with Brockman taking third and Mayfield fourth.

Boys singles included Clint Bowers and David Benson. Bowers got to the third round but was then beaten by a Reagan County player. Benson got to play two rounds but also lost.

Girls doubles had a good experience playing teams that are very different from most. Kristi Burge and Katy Key got a bye in the first round, a default in the second round, and were defeated by a Rocksprings team. Crystal Ponsetti and Lizzie Chavez played and won the first two rounds but lost to Martinez and Tarr of Ozona. Tracy McKnight and Kristen Hardgrave also played and won in the first round but lost to a team from Forsan. Stacey Becknell and Allison Benson went to the tournament and played three rounds. In the last round, they lost by a score of only 8-6.

Boys doubles did an excellent job last weekend. Matt Routh and Dustin Dillard were playing in the tournament because Drew Dempsey had prior obligations. They played very well but lost to the winners of the tournament by only 6-2, 6-4. David Fisher and Justin House played the best that they thought they ever had played. They had no problem getting into the finals. In the finals, Fisher and House split sets with the number one Reagan County team and had scores of 5-7, 6-4, 3-6.

Everyone did an excellent job in this tournament, and we are looking forward to Uvalde this weekend.

JV Baseball A Winning Team

On March 14th, the junior varsity baseball team hosted the varsity team from Junction and came out on top by a score of 9-7. Outstanding defense with some timely hitting supported the team effort.

Members of the team are Chris Braly, Andy Castilleja, Armando Castilleja, Michael Castilleja, Russell Dempsey, Michael Galindo, Carlos Gamez, Kiko Marines, Michael McLaurin, Fernie Ramos, Bobby Salinas, Carlos Sanchez, Mikey Solis, Jason Surber, and David Voigt.

On March 17th, the JV pounced all over the Brackettville team by a score of 11-1. The game was called in the sixth inning with the Broncos being ten runs ahead.

The young men played errorless ball and kept constant pressure at the plate. Aggressive base running kept Brackettville from ever getting started.

This was a great team effort and all 14 players contributed.



Members of the winning Lady Bronco track team are Kellie Downing, Camille Marshall, Katy Cooke, Nubia Gutierrez, Robin Conner, Cara Mayfield, Daisy Mireles, Kari Purvis, Liza Ramirez, Felicia Rivera, Sara Ball, Jacki Bellard, Maribel Capuchina, Cindy Jones, Kim Marshall, Rita Lopez, Lorena Hernandez, Veronica Velez, Angie Torres, Teresa Lozano, and Kara Eaton. Managers are Raven Rainer, Erin Payton, and Evelyn Mungia. The girls are coached by Kathy Marshall and Kate Jennings.

And the winner is...

by Kellie Downing

...the Lady Bronco track team, who scored 118 points at the Ozona Relays last Saturday won first place over all. The girls' hard work during practice finally paid off, not to mention the return of last year's state runner, Camille Marshall, who had been unable to run due to a minor injury. Camille contributed to the team's victory by placing first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27:82. Welcome back, 'Mille! The 400 meter relay, consisting of Sarah Ball, Liza Ramirez, Kari Purvis, and Kara Eaton, also placed first with a time of 53:84. Sarah Ball placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:39:75 and Rita Lopez placed fifth with a time of 2:43:69. The Sonora girls dominated the 100 meter dash with Kara Eaton placing second with a time of 13:32, Daisy Mireles placing third with a time of 13:54, and Liza Ramirez placing fourth with a time of 13:71. The 800

meter relay, consisting of Cara Mayfield, Robin Conner, Kari Purvis, and Kara Eaton, placed fourth with a time of 1:57:57. Kellie Downing placed first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:04:30 and the 1600 meter, consisting of Liza Ramirez, Jacki Bellard, Daisy Mireles, and Kellie Downing, placed second with a time of 4:22:26. In the 3200 meter run, Nubia Gutierrez placed third with a time of 13:49:22 and Katy Cooke placed seventh with a time of 14:51:15. In high jump, Cara Mayfield placed first with a jump of 4'10" and Cindy Jones placed third with a jump of 4'8". Daisy Mireles placed fourth in triple jump with a jump of 30'9". Congratulations Ladies!

This week the team will travel to Abilene on March 21st and 22nd, so don't miss out and come support your Lady Broncos!

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SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

March

Bronco Baseball

Thurs. 20 - Sat. 22 Alpine Tournament TBA
Friday 21 Wall JV Here 5:00 p.m.
Monday 24 Mason JV Here 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 25 VAR Mason Here 6:00 p.m.

Bronco Golf

Monday 24 Fredericksburg Girls
Tuesday 25 *Colorado City Boys
Wednesday 26 Ozona (JV) Girls & Boys
Thursday 27 *Kermit Girls

Bronco Tennis

Friday & Saturday 21-22 Tournament Junction

Bronco Track

Friday & Saturday 21-22 Abilene Girls
Friday 21 Junior High Sonora
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Jossen Nominated for Academy Award

When viewing the Academy Awards Monday, March 24, look for Barry Jossen and Renée Rousselot in the audience. Barry is nominated for the best achievement in live action short films for producing *Dear Diary*. The short film is a nineties urban tale set in New York. Jossen is now head of all television production for Stephen Spielberg's company, Dreamworks. He is the son-in-law of Norm and Doris Rousselot and married to Renée, a successful casting director.

Nominations for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' 69th Annual Academy Awards were announced Tuesday, February 11 by Academy President Arthur Hiller and Mira Sorvino, last year's Oscar® winning actress for her supporting role in *Mighty Aphrodite*. Hiller and Sorvino announced

nine of the 24 categories at a 5:30 a.m. press conference attended by over 500 international media personnel. The nominations in all categories were distributed to press in attendance and via the Internet on the Academy's Web site.

Academy members selected the nominees in their respective branches. The Academy's entire active and life membership is eligible to select the winners in all categories, although in five of them - the short films, documentary films and foreign language films - members can vote only after attending special screenings of the nominated films.

Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 1996 will be presented at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles and televised live on the ABC Television Network beginning at 6 p.m. (PST).



Norm Eisenhut recently retired from the US Postal Service. He was a 35 year government employee, including postal and military experience. He served as Postmaster of the Sonora Post Office since March 1993 until suffering from a stroke last year. Norm is looking forward to playing golf and spending time with his wife, Jan.

Emergency Farm/Ranch Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm/ranch loans due to damages and losses caused by hail and high winds are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in San Angelo, FSA Farm Credit Manager, Fred J. Greenway said today.

Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Sutton, Schleicher, and Tom Green counties are among the counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman for loans to cover part of actual physical losses resulting from hail and high winds which occurred on November 6, 1996.

Fred J. Greenway said farmers/ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers/ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer/rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Fred J. Greenway said.

Farmers/ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until September 29, 1997, but farmers/ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season, Greenway said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers/ranchers who work at and rely on farming/ranching for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers/ranchers who are U.S. citizens and to farming/ranching partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in San Angelo is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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For more information call SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. at 800-745-SAFE (English) or 800-747-SANO (Spanish).

- Try it before you buy it! Not all safety seats fit properly in all vehicles. Look for the federal safety seal.
- Read your vehicle owner's manual for important safety seat information.
- Place safety seats for infants rear facing in the back seat of your vehicle until they are at least one year old and weigh more than 20 pounds.
- Children old enough to face forward require safety seats with snug harnesses until they are too heavy or tall to fit.

- Booster seats which place children properly in shoulder/lap safety belts are needed until they are tall enough to use safety belts alone.
- Always make sure the safety belt straps are on the child's shoulders and not on the arms.
- Fasten the safety belt to hold the child safety seat securely.

Remember, children under age 12 should always ride in the back seat and be properly and safely restrained. Whether or not there is a passenger-side air bag in the car, the back seat is further from the point of impact in most collisions.

If your loved one is in need of more care than you can give, but you resist a nursing home,

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has a "long term" program that might be just the right thing for you! For more information about taking advantage of 24-hour nursing care in the hospital call

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Squeeze past freeze

Minimal damage was done to Texas' citrus crop in recent cold weather, as farmers in the Rio Grande Valley continue to recover from total crop losses due to a 1990 freeze.

Counties where citrus is grown: Hidalgo, Willacy, Cameron

Value of citrus crop, in millions

Year	Grapefruit (\$21 million)	Oranges (\$7 million)
'86-'87	~25	~10
'89-'90	~10	~5
'94-'95	~20	~8

Citrus: The citrus crop for 1996-97 is still being harvested. Producers hope to see 20 percent more grapefruit this year, and expect to pick 40-50 percent more oranges than last season.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Agriculture Statistics.

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Write Your Congressman

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary is sponsoring a Letter Writing Contest to encourage young people in Texas to take an interest in writing members of the U.S. Congress. The contest is open to Texas residents who are U.S. citizens and enrolled in college in the 1997 Spring semester. Former contestants who wish to enter must totally rewrite their previously entered letters.

Subject: Why private property rights are important to Texas.

Deadline: Entries must be post-marked by May 31, 1997

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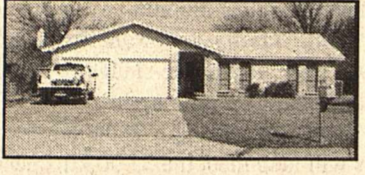
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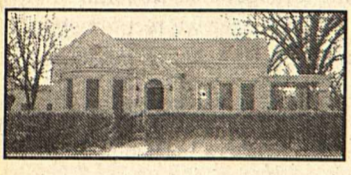
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The jury trial scheduled in the Sonora Municipal Court on the date of Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. has been canceled.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation will be held in the community room of the 1st National Bank of Sonora at 4:30 p.m., March 20th to discuss plans and receive public input on proposed reconstruction of Loop 467 (US 277 through Sonora). All interested parties are urged to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Bidders
Sealed bids for roof repair, addressed to Diane Jacoby, roof repair bid, Sonora ISD, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 will be received at the above address until 2:00 p.m. March 31, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling (915)387-2545. 2(3-20-97)b

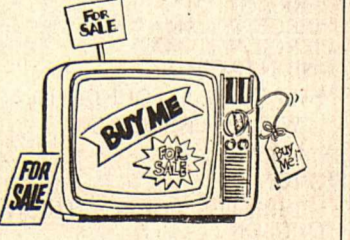
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The Sutton County Hospital District announces the sale of used patient room hospital equipment. Equipment for sale includes 12 used electric hospital beds, 11 used manually operated hospital beds, 13 used bed side stands, and 8 used over bed tables.

This equipment may be inspected/viewed at the old Sonora theatre on Crockett Avenue Monday through Friday, March 24th through March 28th, between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Each piece will be numbered for identification. Sealed bids will be accepted at the hospital business office during normal business hours through Friday, March 28, 1997. All bids will be opened Monday, March 31, 1997. Sutton County Hospital district reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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